

Attorney's Docket No. 5718-23B

PATENT *1-30-02*  
*attachment*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Baszczynski *et al.*  
Appl. No.: 09/579,784  
Filed: May 26, 2000  
For: TARGETED MANIPULATION OF GENES IN PLANTS

Group Art Unit: 1635  
Examiner: J. Zara

December 21, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

RECEIVED  
JAN 29 2002  
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Sir:

Attached is a list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document. Also enclosed is a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document. It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By submitting the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead submitting the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), before final Office Action or Allowance, whichever is earlier.

A check for the \$180.00 fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

01/28/2002 SSITHIB1 00000025 09579784

01 FC:126

180.00 OP

Respectfully submitted,

*WMSpruill*  
W. Murray Spruill  
Registration No. 32,943

CUSTOMER NO. 00826  
ALSTON & BIRD LLP  
Bank of America Plaza  
101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000  
Charlotte, NC 28280-4000  
Tel Raleigh Office (919) 862-2200  
Fax Raleigh Office (919) 862-2260

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on December 21, 2001.

*Polly P. Burton*  
Polly P. Burton